

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present paper, Applicants will have elected the invention of Group VI, comprising claims 31-36.

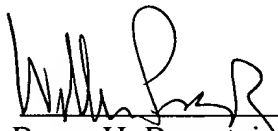
In the Official Action, the Examiner required an election among inventions "which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1" and which are asserted to "lack the same or corresponding special technical features" under PCT Rule 13.2. The Examiner identified the different inventions as Group I, comprising claims 1-4 and 42; Group II, comprising claims 5-14; Group III, comprising claims 15-18; Group IV, comprising claim 19; Group V, comprising claims 20-22, 23-28, 29 and 30, Group VI, comprising claims 31-36; and Group VII, comprising claims 37-39 and 40-41.

Applicants election should not be considered an indication of acquiescence with the above-noted Restriction Requirement. Rather, Applicants have elected the invention of Group VI, comprising claims 31-36 in order to be fully responsive to the Restriction Requirement.

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Should there be any questions or comments regarding this Response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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